In re Appln. of Savicki, Alan F. Application No. 09/979,521

Remarks

The allowance of claims 1, 2, 6-10, 14-16, 20-23, 43, 44, 48-67, 71 and 76-83 is acknowledged and appreciated. Applicant respectfully submits that there are substantial structural differences between the applied reference, Cappel et al., and Applicant's claimed invention. However, to expedite the prosecution of the subject matter that the Office Action indicates is allowable, Applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, rejected claims 24, 25, 29-33, and 37-39. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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